

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: Misuse of Force Activity Designator (FAD)

1. PURPOSE: The Logistics Integration Agency (LIA) inquired to TRADOC about units (presently and in the past) using erroneous Force Activity Designators (FAD). Some U.S. Army Cadet Command units (USACC), both Junior and Senior, were identified as being part of the problem. TRADOC asks support installations and sub-MACOMs to determine why this is occurring (is it policy glitches or inadequate training, etc.), and directs sub-MACOMs and support installations to provide a summary of the actions being taken to prevent future misuse.

2. FACTS

- TRADOC has visibility of all priority designators (PD) usage through internet connection to Defense Automatic Addressing System Center (DAASC); also USACC Logistics and other agencies with a logistics function can gain access to the system for research purposes.
- Misuse of FADs occurred in numerous units throughout the Army, as well as in all other services (Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps).
- The FAD is a Roman numeral (I through V) which shows the mission essentiality of a unit, organization, installation, project or program to meet national objectives. It establishes the correct PD (01 through 15) for units to use on supply requests when ordering property (see DA Pamphlet 710-2-1, chapter 2, section 1).
- A report developed by LIA from DAASC revealed that units used PDs for FAD I units (which is reserved for programs approved for top priority by the President) when another FAD (II through V) should have been used. Research shows that only 18 of USACC's 1700 plus ROTC units (5 SROTC and 13 JROTC) used an erroneous PD reserved for FAD I units (ROTC units list attached as enclosure).
- USACC units are assigned FADs as follows: FAD III for SROTC units which authorizes the use of PDs 03, 06, and 13; FAD V for JROTC units which authorizes the use of PDs 08, 10, and 15 (see Cadet Command Regulation (CCR) 700-1, paragraph 2-5b)).
- With only a small percentage of ROTC units using an erroneous FAD, this problem in USACC is likely to be attributed to lack of knowledge and experience by school representatives on this subject. This is particularly true in JROTC where retired military personnel hired as instructors, but who serves part time as the supply representative.

- USACC plans to take corrective action as follows:
 - a. Query the Regions and Brigades to determine the real reason for this shortcoming in ROTC units identified; and will instruct commanders to make “use of PDs” a matter of special interest during command visits.
 - b. Post this Information Paper to the USACC web cite and invite all commanders and heads of ROTC activities to read it and respond accordingly.
 - c. Reemphasize to all ROTC units (especially those cited with misuse of PDs), and make them aware that they must use PDs consistent with the assigned FADs. Units have sufficient instructions published in CCR and in the Distance Learning module on the ROTC web site. Emphasis will continually be provided—
 - 1 During the conduct of the logistical block of instructions taught at each Junior and Senior School of Cadet course.
 - 2 During logistical portion of each command inspection (HQ USACC, Regions and Brigades); also during other command visits to units.
 - 3 During all command conferences (HQCC, Regions and Brigades).
- Listing of ROTC units (Junior and Senior) that used erroneous FADs is attached as enclosure.

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